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The Tribune today comprises twenty pages, eight of which are given over to an interesting exhibit of the industrial and commercial resources of this city.

Our Log-Sided Navy.

The salient note in Secretary Long's first annual report upon the condition of the navy, a synopsis of which appears elsewhere on this page, is embodied in his advice to congress to pause in its arduous work on battleships until there are trained seamen sufficient to man them and enough docks to hold them—in other words, until naval development is evenly balanced.

The matter of docks is a most important one, yet heretofore it has been almost entirely neglected. A modern warship has to be docked on an average every six months. The dock must be specially constructed, and must be so situated as to be accessible to a center of population, where workmen and supplies may be obtained readily, and yet protected from attack by sea.

Secretary Long recommends the immediate building of adequate new docks on the improvement of existing ones at Boston, New York, Norfolk, Port Royal, New Orleans and Mare Island, the cost of which, in total, would not greatly exceed the cost of one new battleship.

In addition to new docks Secretary Long thinks that we need a material improvement of our naval repair shops. In his judgment \$8,000,000 could be expended in this direction profitably.

The Tribune desires to express its indebtedness to Representative Connell for valuable public documents received through his courtesy.

A Spanish Fake.

Great ado is made in certain quarters because of the alleged discovery of a gigantic scheme to bribe congress into granting belligerency rights to the Cuban insurgents.

As a matter of fact, this offer has been openly advertised in all the magazines and in some of the leading daily newspapers for months.

It is further charged by Spanish emissaries at Washington that a large free distribution of these bonds has been made by Cuban agents among members of congress in the hope that such congressmen, with an eye to increasing the value of their bonds, will vote for a belligerency resolution out of motives of cupidity.

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It is said that Minister de Lome had sufficient influence with the officials of the Catholic University at Washington on Thanksgiving Day to deliver a lecture before that institution in criticism of Spain's course in Cuba.

American History Re-Enacted.

Next Tuesday evening will witness quite a focussing of patriotism in the Metropolitan Opera house, New York. On that occasion the Mayflower society, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Colonial Dames of America, the Holland society and the National society of New England women will, with their husbands, brothers and sweethearts, and perchance with a few phlegmatics, assemble to witness a dramatic and scenic reproduction of American history, the plans for which are certainly worthy of notice.

With the aid of a chorus of 500 members, suitably costumed, and by utilization in the "speaking parts" of lineal descendants of colonial worthies, it is proposed in a series of living pictures to reproduce with painstaking fidelity early New England life, the Dutch occupation of New York, the Revolutionary period and the Civil war.

The New England scenes will be "The Pilgrim Sabbath," "The Marriage of John Alden and Priscilla," and "Thanksgiving." The last will represent a typical early Thanksgiving reunion.

The French Embassy Ball given two weeks later. In the ball scene the minut will be danced, the costumes representing the alliance between France and the United States in 1778.

While this idea of commingling historical instruction with entertainment is not new, the exemplification of it upon so great a scale in a city like New York, that is ordinarily believed to be somewhat untroubled with the instinct known as patriotism, cannot fail to be interesting.

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Sometimes these manifestations have been rebuked, but not always as sharply, and as emphatically as the occasion demanded. Catenativism, to be sure, is pretty well stamped out, the Vatican having grown wise in its generation; but there are other forms of the same race dilemma not less in need of salutary vigilance.

There can be no excuse for brutality in army discipline, but the Lovinger case shows that where brutality is proved the army itself is swift to condemn. There is consequently no need for civilians to grow red in the face.

A certified report that General Maximo Gomez had captured and hanged a dozen or more of the Spanish boodlers now at work among the Cuban insurgents would be welcome news.

The fly in Sagasta's ointment is not Gomez but Weyler. It is not at all likely that the Sagasta ministry will attain a peaceful old age.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacechus, The Tribune Astrologer.

A child born on this day will not look for election contests outside of the Sunday papers.

The boarding-house Thanksgiving turkey joke made its annual round of the papers this year.

Do not presume too much on short acquaintance. The man who skates on thin ice is liable to receive a very cold bath.

Status and Needs Of the New Navy

Washington, Nov. 25.—The report of the secretary of the navy, made public today, puts the present effective fighting force of the United States navy at 41 battleships of the first-class, 2 battleships of the second class, 2 armored cruisers, 16 cruisers, 15 gunboats, 6 double-turreted monitors, 1 ram, 1 dynamite gunboat, 1 dispatch boat, 1 transport steamer, and 3 torpedo boats.

It appears from the report that today the most urgent need of the naval service is an increase of docking facilities. Of the eleven government docks—five on the Atlantic and two on the Pacific coast—three were designed to accommodate battleships, and the remaining eight are of various sizes, but none of sufficient size to dock a modern battleship.

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"Hitherto for more than a decade the increase of the navy has very properly been in the line of new ships, and wisely so, as this has hitherto been the vital need, the opinion of the department, the time has now come when that increase should be an adjunct to the need to bring our naval facilities up to the same line of advance."

The running expenses of the navy last year, not counting the cost of permanent improvements, was \$7,514,251.

HEREDITY.

From the Syracuse Post.

Modern science has demonstrated no more conclusively than the like begets like. The principles of heredity have been so thoroughly established that no one doubts the origin of the country known as Frau Ada Jurko, who was for sixty years a resident of the city of Cologne and died there about a century ago.

The economic side of the question is brought out in Prof. Peelman's conclusions as to the expense caused the state by the cost of the criminal.

WHAT CONGRESS WON'T DO.

It must always remain with congress to define the status of people battling for liberty. More than a year ago congress declared that the Cuban patriots were entitled to the rights of belligerents, and so far as we can observe, the president, through Minister Woodford, has been insisting on the rights of belligerents.

JUST ONCE.

The careful reader of daily newspapers secures some chunks of information that would be worth the cost of a few Times-Heralds.

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